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Victory has again perched upon the Republican standard. Maine takes her place in the van of the Republican party, electing her entire State ticket and sends to Congress a full Congressmen. Republican delegation. As in '60 and '66 and '68, she heralds a national Republican triumph in the coming November. The returnee received up to the time we write shows that she has given off over thousand Republicans majority, elected every Republican candidate for Congress made a large gain, over the vote of last year, and buried the whole Greeley-Democratic movement beneath his pine-clad hill.

Mr. Blaine has been re-elected to Congress by a majority larger than he ever received before. Mr. Hale has defeated Mr. Pike. We have gained in all the cities and towns while counties, such as Knox, that never before gave the Republican party a majority for the first time wheeled into the Republican column. The victory is far greater than we had any reason to expect, and marks the rising of the tide that will sweep the country two months hence.

The Presidential ball has been fought and lost and won in Maine. Six weeks ago the coalition party were sanguine that they would carry Mr. Greeley himself, immediately after his nomination at Baltimore, stumped the state in his own behalf. In his remarkable speech at Portland he fairly and distinctly propounded the Democratic party if it elected he would give them their due share of the office, would consult with their leaders in the administration of the Government. Following fast upon his heels were sent to Maine Doolittle, the president of the Democratic convention, to induce for his party all that Mr. Greeley had said and promised; Trumbull and Schurz and the lesser fry like Kilpatrick and Banks to malign and slander and defame General Grant and the Administration, and, behold the result—a crest and overwhelming victory.

There never was such a canvas as that which has just closed in Maine. It was on the one hand, a canvas of calumny and misrepresentation, and on the other of magnificence and vindication. The Liberal Republicans and Democrats thoroughly appreciated the magnitude and importance of the contest, and put forth the greatest efforts to defeat the Republican ticket. Mr. Blaine was attacked in the most cowardly and infamous manner. Day after day the Tribune and other Greeley organs opened their batteries upon him, preferring the most outrageous charges, stopping at no allegation, isolating at the circulation of no slander. The same is true of Mr. Hale and his friends. Not only he himself but all his friends and relations were assailed, from his forefathers to his father-in-law. But, despite it all, the Republican party triumphed; we have gained nearly ten thousand more votes than Mr. Kimball, the Democratic nominee for Governor, said we would gain in his letter to Argus Schell. On last Friday, Mr. Kimball wrote as follows: "Our opponents claim a majority of fifteen thousand votes, but I do not think they expect to get more than from six to ten thousand, and they cannot expect that unless they think they can reclaim many who have openly declared against them. This was Mr. Kimball's judgment three days ago, and it will be found recorded in the Tribune of yesterday."

The result in Maine shows two things, one of which is the more ordinary of the other. First, that the country repudiates Mr. Greeley and the whole Liberal Republican movement root and branch; and, second, that the loyal people and the people who accept the situation in earnest have the fullest confidence in the honor, the integrity, the purity and the patriotism of the hero who saved the Union who restored the rebellious States to their full relationship with the General Government whose superb administration during the last three years has been the glory and the admiration of the world. We admit that General Grant has made some mistakes, done some things that perhaps ought not to have been done, but, surveying the entire field, who in all our history, considering the difficulties he has had to encounter, the obstacles he has had to overcome, does not? No President was ever called upon to solve so many and so great problems. For the last two years difficulties have been placed in his pathway; as mean and cowardly a gang of defamers as ever disgraced any country have kept up an incessant howl against him, all because he would not accede to their demands and satisfy their hungry craving for office and emolument.

The victory which Maine has just recorded is the answer to the calumniators and slanders, big and little, who have filled the land with their vituperation during the last two years. We never doubted what the answer would be when the time came to give it. Thirty millions of people stand by Grant in peace as they stood by him in war. The singular patience with which he has listened to the slanders of his enemies, the magnanimity, the modesty, and the patriotic love with which he has borne himself through

all those weary months, have at last been rewarded by the honest, the unprincipled and unscrupulous masses of his countrymen. The judgment of Maine is the judgment of the nation. The verdict of the Pine Tree State is the verdict of the republic. If Horace Greeley ever had any strength it has been buried in Maine. If ever had the slightest hope of the Presidency, Maine has scattered it to the winds. The lesson is a severe and a bitter one for Mr. Greeley, but it is a lesson that he must learn. The country will not have him as its President, and to its decision he must bow. Indians and Pennsylvanians will follow in the path that Maine has marked out; the great Northwest is sure to follow. The lesson of the hour, the handwriting on the wall, is victory great and overwhelming for the Republican party in November. He who does not see it must be blind indeed.

The New York Herald, in a long article on the one-term principle, says:

"Neither Mr. Sumner nor any of his associates has yet satisfied us how the one-term principle, if adopted as a constitutional restriction, would be applied. We are inclined to believe that the editor of the Tribune, who, of course are among the supporters of the movement, would be the first to insist that the term of office of the President be limited without a following. That result is already practically attained in Maine, where the election of Mr. Blaine has secured good men, with a pure desire for the public welfare, were swept into the current. These men, however, are not the only ones who have the true purpose of the movement and the kind of men who are leading it become more clearly apparent every day. The election of Mr. Blaine is left without a following. That result is also clearly apparent in Maine, where the election of Mr. Blaine has secured good men, with a pure desire for the public welfare, were swept into the current. 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